

CITY OF MILFORD  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011  
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Milford, Nebraska resumed at 8:10 pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011. Present were: Mayor Dean Bruha; Council members: Jeff Baker, Rick Fortune, Jeff Heckman, Dan Kral; Attorney Robert Blevens; Chief of Police Forrest Siebken and City Clerk Jeanne Hoggins. Also present: Elaine Plessel, Dennis Kubicek, Brian Bashore, Dave Taladay and Nancy McGill with the press.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bruha called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. Mayor Bruha publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted on the east wall of the Webermeier Community Meeting Room.

**Introduction and Adoption of Resolution – Final Tax Request:** Council member Fortune introduced the following resolution seconded by Kral.

RESOLUTION NO. 470

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILFORD, NEBRASKA:

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purpose of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of the City of Milford passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Milford that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Milford, by a majority vote, resolves that:

1. The 2011 – 2012 property tax request be set at:

		<u>Levy</u>
REQUIRED FOR BONDS	\$157,560	.1878
REQUIRED FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES	\$336,330	.4008
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST</b>	<b>\$493,890</b>	<b>.5886</b>

2. A copy of this request be certified and forwarded to the Seward County Clerk on or before October 13, 2011.

Upon roll call vote as follows: Fortune yes, Kral yes, Baker yes, Heckman yes. Motion carried.

(SEAL)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discuss addition to Chapter 6-335 regarding Sex predators/Sex offenders:** Item tabled.

**Introduction and Adoption of Ordinance – Amend Ordinance #778:** Item tabled.

**SENDD – Brian Bashore:** Executive Director David Taladay gave the Council an overview of SENDD’s projects and programs. They cover a 15 county area serving 139 communities. Some of the programs/projects highlighted were: Affordable housing, Housing ownership opportunity program, Energy grants, outdoor warning system grant and availability to assist communities with grant writing. The City of Milford has been a member of SENDD for years. Brian Bashore also commented on his involvement with SENDD as he is a specialist with the countywide owner occupied housing rehab program. The Council thanked both gentlemen for the time and information.

**Accept/Execute SENDD Lease Agreement-Outdoor Warning System:** Mayor Bruha asked for a motion to authorize his signature to the lease agreement for the Outdoor Warning System. A question arose regarding the maintenance of the sirens. The City is responsible for any maintenance or upkeep of the system even though SENDD technically owns it for a 20 year lease period. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Kral to accept and execute the signing of the SENDD lease agreement for the outdoor warning system (sirens). Roll call vote: Baker yes, Kral yes, Fortune yes, Heckman yes. Motion carried.

**Approve Rent/Match amount and submit to SENDD by October 31, 2011:** A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Fortune to approve the rent/match amount of \$8,309.50 for the lease (25%) to SENDD. Roll call vote: Baker yes, Fortune yes, Heckman yes, Kral yes. Motion carried.

**Employee Handbook Committee:** Councilmember Baker brought back to the table a suggestion and opportunity to update the personnel manual. It’s been a while since the manual has been reviewed and laws have changed since 2005. Baker was concerned about the absence of the FMLA in the current manual. There are areas of the manual that can be specific to Milford, other areas are mandated by law. It was suggested that the Council get reacquainted with the manual and have the Dept. Heads make a list of

areas for discussion. The Human Resources person “Kim” with Region V is providing services for Seward County and Baker could ask her to assist us. It was decided to have everyone review the current manual, get acquainted with it and highlight any areas for discussion. Item tabled until next month.

**Introduction and Adoption of Ordinance – Establish Election Wards:**

A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Kral to introduce the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 846

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILFORD, NEBRASKA, TO CONFIRM AND RETAIN VOTING WARDS ESTABLISHED BY CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1-715 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AS A RESULT OF THE 2010 FEDERAL CENSUS. (See Ordinance Record)

**Appointment:** Item tabled.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Heckman and seconded by Kral to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Heckman yes, Kral yes, Baker yes, Fortune yes. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

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Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk

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Dean A. Bruha, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Milford, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on September 6, 2011 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

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Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk